

BARTON VILLAGE, INC.
MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES
DRAFT MINUTES
October 10, 2017 6PM

PRESENT: Nate Sicard, Cathy Swain, Evan Riordan, Kate Kran, Meghann Roberts (Barton Graded Parents Club)

- A. Call to Order: 6:03 p.m. by NS
- B. Changes to Agenda / Additions or Deletions
 - a. None.
- C. Meeting Minutes September 25, 2017 and October 3, 2017
 - a. CS motioned to approve minutes including revising name spelling and minor grammar. NS seconded. Unanimous approval to move as amended.
- D. Privilege of the floor
 - a. Meghann from Barton Graded Parents Club to close School Street to traffic on October 28th from 4pm to 8pm for a school/community event. Trustees only shared concerns that the event and road signs be coordinated with the Village public works forman.
- E. Old Business:
 - i. None
- F. New Business
 - a. 271 Elm St. Closeout, CS moved to table until next meeting as Kate was out of the office and paperwork was not present, NS 2nd. Closeout tabled.
 - b. Generator project. A partial payment invoice form Bob's Electric was presented for purchasing of the generator. CS moved to use the Village's matching grant funds up to \$10,000 to fund the Villages share of the project. 75% will be funded from the USDA grant. Remaining Village costs are expected as in kind costs for in-house construction of the pad and setup around the generator. CS moved, NS 2nd to approve the special warrant to pay Bob's electric.
- G. Other
 - a. Electric Department
 - i. Updates : Evan is working through budget vs. actual and cash vs. accrual. Budget seems to be on track.
 - ii. Evan discussed that we have a meter reading vacancy but he intends to look into using radio read or smart meters in the future. CS moved, NS 2nd to authorize posting a temporary meter reader position with the expectation that the Village will move toward automated reading in the near future.
 - b. Approval of Bills, Warrants, and previous Warrants signed
 - i. CS motioned to approve bills, warrants, and previous warrants signed, NS seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - c. Trustee Mail

Trustees received a letter from the Barton Ambulance Squad requesting tax abatement for the 2017 tax bill. CS will draft a response to the receipt of the letter and that a tax abatement hearing would only be scheduled after verification that the Ambulance Squad was a tax exempt organization registered with the IRS and that they were a registered business in the State of VT. Concerns also discussed that Water/Sewer bond

tax would have been a user fee bill if the business was tax exempt so it would be expected to be paid. Concerns also that abatement of taxes due to Ambulance squad issues would result in the Village having to cut the budget by approximately \$2,100 if the tax was abated. We are more than ¾ through our budget cycle. Otherwise no action taken.

- d. Office Updates
 - i. Website: Reviewed mapping chart for layout of website. Website will be built shortly.
 - ii. CS update included that a new group of community members is forming a 501c3 for a new meal site downstairs but nothing would occur until the trustees approve a contract with a new organization.
- H. Executive Session
 - a. None
- I. Adjourn: CS motioned to adjourn at 8 p.m., NS seconded. Unanimous approval.

Date of Next Meeting: October 23, 2017

Submitted by Nathan Sicard | Chair

Attested by Shelia Martin | Village Clerk